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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA: VIEWS OF HANOI'S FOREIGN POLICY

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1. WE HAVE READ REFTEL WITH INTEREST BUT MUST TAKE  
EXCEPTION TO SOURCE'S COMMENTS CITED PARA TWO  
REFERRING TO "HANOI-ORIENTED LOCAL COMMUNISTS" IN  
MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE (AS WELL AS IN THAILAND)  
AND "VIETNAM-SUPPLIED GUERRILLAS IN COMMON BORDER  
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AREA" OF THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

2. FROM OUR VINTAGE POINT WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY  
EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THE VARIOUS ARMED FACTIONS  
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA (CPM) ARE  
EITHER "HANOI-ORIENTED" OR "VIETNAM-SUPPLIED."  
ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE FACTION, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

GROUP (CPM-CC) IS OFFICIALLY ENDORSED BY THE PRC, ALL THREE MAJOR FACTIONS ARE PEKING-ORIENTED AND ECHO THE PRC FOREIGN POLICY LINE, INCLUDING ITS ANTI-SOVIET DIATRIBES.

3. THE SO-CALLED "COMMUNIST TERRORISTS" OPERATING BOTH WITHIN MALAYSIA AND OUT OF SANCTUARIES IN SOUTHERN THAILAND ARE SUPPLIED PRIMARILY WITH OLD WORLD WAR II VINTAGE WEAPONS, CAPTURED STOCKS, AND HOME-MADE WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. ALTHOUGH THEY ALSO HAVE A QUANTITY OF ITEMS OF RECENT US MANUFACTURE SUCH AS M-16 AUTOMATIC RIFLES, M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, AND HAND GRENADES, THESE APPEAR LARGELY IF NOT EXCLUSIVELY FROM BLACK MARKET SOURCES IN THAILAND AND NOT RPT NOT SMUGGLED IN FROM THE SRV. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT DISCOUNT THE LATTER POSSIBILITY ENTIRELY, NEITHER WE NOR THE GOM SECURITY FORCES HAVE SEEN ANY EVIDENCE OF THIS.

4. ADDITIONALLY, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SUGGEST THAT THE SRV ITSELF IS INTERESTED IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS, ON A BILATERAL BASIS, WITH ITS ASEAN NEIGHBORS (E.G., IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THAILAND AND THE OPENING OF EMBASSIES SEE BANGKOK 3848, NOTAL--AND FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY CONFIDENTIAL

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TRINH'S RECENT SWING THROUGH SOUTHEAST ASIA--SEE KUALA LUMPUR 0285 NOTAL, AND OTHERS). ON ITS PART MALAYSIA IS MOVING FORWARD WITH A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SRV'S NATURAL RUBBER INDUSTRY (A TEAM OF SRV RUBBER EXPERTS JUST VISITED HERE) AND THIS APPEARS TO BE APPRECIATED BY THE VIETNAMESE. MALAYSIA'S TWO-PRONGED POLICY REMAINS THAT OF PURSUING A FIRM-ANTI-COMMUNIST POSTURE AT HOME AND COOPERATING ON A STRICTLY BILATERAL BASIS WITH ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA, AGAINST COMMUNIST INSURGENTS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SEEKING TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH NEARBY COMMUNIST REGIMES. THE CAMBODIAN-SRV TERRITORIAL DISPUTE HAS ALSO AFFECTED THE EQUATION AS BOTH NATIONS NOW SEEM MORE EAGER TO GAIN FRIENDS ABOARD. MILLER

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